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MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(c))**

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1. SMALL ENTITY



Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS



Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g).

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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Amount	Fee	(Code)	Amount	Fee	(Code)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	3 1/2 yr fee	(1551)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ <u>450</u>	3 1/2 yr fee	(2551)
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4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) of \$ 1,640 (Fee Code 1558) must be paid as a condition of accepting unintentionally delayed payment of the maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 1,640

5. MANNER OF PAYMENT



Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ 2,090.



Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ the sum of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this authorization is attached.



Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY



The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition deficiency to Deposit Account No. _____. A duplicate copy of this authorization is attached.

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8. STATEMENT

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.

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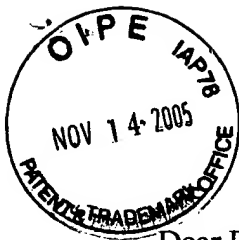
ENCLOSURES:☐

Maintenance Fee payment

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Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)

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Dear Patent Office:

On October 15, 2004, a maintenance fee became due for my Patent No. US 6,171,524 B1. However, during the months leading up to this date, my grandmother began dying and it was necessary for me to administer her affairs. As a result of grandma's deteriorating condition, a member of my immediate family began drinking heavily, and it was necessary for me to spend a considerable amount of time caring for her. In addition, my father is a semi-invalid and requires ongoing care. In short, I became totally absorbed in all this care-giving and missed the date for the maintenance fee. I am still caring for my father and my other relative. However, I have now organized things so where I can responsibly devote my time to my business again. I should point out that my business is based on my patent and provides the primary support for me and my family. The patent is thus extremely important to me, and I certainly would not intentionally miss the maintenance fee date. As soon as I discovered I had missed the date, I contacted my patent attorney who suggested that I write this letter. Please accept the enclosed payment, late penalty and restore my patent to active status. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Antony J. Kubichan

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